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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS, PROGRAM FUNDING

REFS: (A) ASUNCION 1071 (B) ASUNCION 1826 (C) ASUNCION
2031 (D) ASUNCION 2564 (E) ASUNCION A-49 (F) AID AUDIT
REPORT 76-344 (5/7/76) (G) STATE 138771 (H) STATE 10670,

1. REFS D AND E ADDRESS THE NEED FOR A NARCOTICS PROJECT
FOR FY 80 AND A POSSIBLE REQUEST EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR
FY 79. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO CLARIFY ITS POSITION IN
REGARD TO REQUESTS FOR NARCOTICS PROJECTS IN PARAGUAY.

2. REFS A, B AND C INDICATED LACK OF HARD INTELLIGENCE
REGARDING NARCOTICS SITUATION IN PARAGUAY AS WELL AS
CONSTRAINTS AFFECTING THE PROBABILITY OF EFFECTIVE
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ACTION BY THE PARAGUAYAN NARCOTICS UNIT. REF G INDICATED
THAT A HIGHEST PRIORITY HAD BEEN ASSIGNED DEA INTELLIGENCE
DEVELOPMENT.

3. IN VIEW OF AN APPARENT LACK OF HARD INTELLIGENCE
AVAILABLE, LOW LEVEL TRAFFICKING AND THE CONSTRAINTS
AFFECTING INVESTIGATIONS DIRECTED AT POTENTIAL MAJOR

TRAFFICKERS AS CITED REF E IN ADDITION TO THE LACK OF

PRIORITY FOR NARCOTICS CITED IN REF C PART 2 WE DO
NOT BELIEVE THERE IS ADEQUATE JUSTIFICATION FOR NARCOTICS
PROJECTS IN PARAGUAY AT THIS TIME.

4. IF THE EMBASSY DESIRES A PROJECT, S/NM COULD SUBMIT
A CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION FOR FY 79 PROVIDING THE
EMBASSY FURNISHES NECESSARY JUSTIFICATIONS WHICH
WOULD OUTWEIGH CONSTRAINTS CITED ABOVE. S/NM POLICY
REQUIRES A PROJECT WITH REALISTIC GOALS AND ATTAINABLE
OBJECTIVES. IN ADDITION EMBASSY MUST MAKE COMMITMENT
TO MANAGE, EVALUATE AND REPORT PROJECT PROGRESS ON A
REGULAR BASIS. EMBASSY SHOULD REVIEW REF F IN ORDER
TO FULLY APPRECIATE THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTING
A NARCOTICS CONTROL PROJECT. THE REPORT WILL PROVIDE,
AS WELL, AN INDICATION OF EQUIPMENT PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED.

5. WITH REGARD TO REF D. REQUEST WAS RECEIVED TOO
LATE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ZBB SUBMISSIONS FOR FY 80.
IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE THE REQUEST IN THE FY 80
CONGRESSIONAL SUBMISSION IN EARLY FY 79 BUT PROJECT
REQUEST WOULD HAVE TO BE RESUBMITTED FOLLOWING MORE
CLOSELY THE CRITERIA OUTLINED IN REF H PARTICULARLY
PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 4 AS WELL AS CONGRESSIONAL SUBMISSION
GUIDELINES TO BE ISSUED.
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